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SUBJ: COMITE II-CONSULTING GROUP III OF NEGOTIATING

GROUP III (CONTINENTAL MARGIN)-SEPTEMBER 9

1. THE CONSULTING GROUP MET FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE CHAIRMAN AGUILAR'S RETURN FROM CARACAS AND WAS CHARACTERIZED BY A TOUGH RESTATEMENT OF NATIONAL POSITIONS BY SEVERAL OF THE PARTICIPANTS (THE US DID NOT INTERVENT). THE REASONS FOR THIS STEP BACKWARDS, WHICH MAY ONLY BE TEMPORARY, MAY BE THE DESIRE TO INSURE THAT THE CHAIRMAN WAS AWARE OF PARTICULAR NATIONAL VIEWPOINTS AND, SECONDLY, MAY HAVE RELATED TO THE PENDING CLOSING OF SESSION AND THE UNCERTAINTY OF WHAT THE RESULTS MAY BE. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT THE WORK PROGRAM, IF ANY, OF THIS CONSULTING GROUP WILL BE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SESSION.

2. TUNISIA INDICATED THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTING A
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MARGIN SOLUTION BEYOND 200 MILES IF THE FORMULA WERE

UNAMBIGUOUS. HE SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT A DISTANCE CRITERIA WOULD BE SATISFACTORY RATHER THAN THE DEPTH OF SEDIMENT TEST OF THE IRISH FORMULA. COMMENT: IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION, THEY INDICATED TO DEL OFF THAT THE SLOPE PLUS 60 MILES MIGHT BE SATISFACTORY.

3. IRELAND FOR THE FIRST TIME STATED THAT THEY COULD ACCEPT REVENUE SHARING IN PRINCIPLE.

4. INDONESIA SUGGESTED THREE ELEMENTS IN A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE: (1) A CLEARLY DEFINED MARGIN, (2) REVENUE SHARING GREATER THAN ONE TO FIVE PERCENT WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF REVIEW TO INSURE THAT THE FIGURES WOULD PERMIT COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION, AND (3) THIRD PARTIES WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPLOITATION OF NON-LIVING RESOURCES BEYOND 200 MILES WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO NEIGHBORING LL/GDS IN THE REGARD.

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